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This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of “determining, using a processor, whether a competing bidder meets a condition” (the applicant is requested to elect a single type of condition)

. The species are independent or distinct because each condition is mutually exclusive.. In addition, these species are not obvious variants of each other based on the current record.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, or a single grouping of patentably indistinct species, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of “providing the bid data to [the competing bidder”.(the applicant is requested to elect a single type of bid data)

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